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The Gayle Family of Perry County, Alabama

The Gayles now living in Perry County, Alabama, and descendants of Josiah Gayle of Claremont County, North Carolina, whose will, dated 1794, and recorded in Sumter District, South Carolina, mentions among other heirs, a son, Ransom Gayle.

Ransom Gayle and his wife, Tabitha Moore Gayle, had a son, Miles Gayle, born in Sumter District, S.C., in 1792.

The youngest son of Miles Gayle and his wife, Joice Dozier Gayle, was named James Matthew Gayle, and he was born in Perry County, Alabama, in 1838.

James Matthew Gayle was married to Antoinette McMath, daughter of Dr. Wm F. McMath, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, in 1860.

Three of the children of James Matthew Gayle resided throughout their lives in Perry County, and have descendants still living here. These three are:

Ernest Leonard Gayle
Leila Ada Gayle
Mary Dozier Gayle

Among the children of Ernest Leonard Gayle and his wife, Oda Lee Hall, are the following:

James H. Gayle, Cecil M. Gayle, Louise Gayle (Mrs. E. O. McMillan), and Annie Wheeler Gayle (Mrs. Robert Rankin).

Leila Ada Gayle was married to L. Pierce Donovan. A son, E. E. Donovan, still lives in Perry County.

Mary Dozier Gayle was married to W. M. Wallace. Of their several children, J. D. Wallace still lives in Perry County.

The records which are given on the following pages prove the account given above.

Josiah Gayle's Will

State of South Carolina. In the name of God, Amen. I, Josiah Gayle, of Claremont County in the State aforesaid, being in a low state of health, but of sound mind and memory, and recollecting the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament.

I recommend my soul to Almighty God that made it, and my body to be buried in Christian - like manner at the discretion of my executors. And with respect to what worldly good it hath pleased God to bless me with, after the payment of my just debts, I give and dispose of it in the manner and form following:--

Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law, John Harvin, and my daughter-in-law, Rebecca Gayle, five shillings sterling each, to be paid to them by the executors of my estate within twelve months after my death.

Secondly, I give unto my three grandchildren, my son, Josiah's children, Sarah Rembert, Richard, and Josiah Gayle, give shillings sterling each; and to my grandson, John Harvin, son of my daughter Mary, five shillings sterling also, to be paid as above.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my grandson, William Gayle, son of my daughter Ann, one Negro girl, Feby, with all her future issue, to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter-in-law, Levinah Gayle, five shillings sterling, to be paid as above. I also give Levinah's son, Samuel five shillings sterling, to be paid in the same manner.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Ann Berwick, one Negro girl named Lydia, during her natural life, and at her death the said Negro girl, Lydia, is to be returned to my estate with all her issue, and equally divided amongst my heirs in the same manner as the remainder of my estate is divided below. I also give unto my said daughter two feather beds and furniture.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren, John and Sarah Gayle, son and daughter of my son Ambrose Gayle, one-seventh part of my estate after taking out what is disposed of above; which seventh part of my said estate is to be equally divided between my two said grandchildren, John and Sarah; and in case one of them should die before he or she comes of age or marries, the part of the deceased is to go to the surviving one; but in case both die before they come of age, and leave no lawful issue, then their parts is to return to my estate and be divided amongst my heirs equally.

Seventhly and lastly, I lend all and singular the remainder of my estate no disposed of above equally between my six children; namely, Christopher, Caleb, Ransom, Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Ann, during their natural lives, to be equally divided amongst them; and at their death, I give and bequeath all the said property of my estate unto the children of those children of mine, who will be my grandchildren; that is to say, at the death of my son Christopher, I give the share of my estate which I lent him unto his children, their heirs and assigns forever, and so on in like manner I do to all the others.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Christopher and my friend Huberd Rees my true and lawful executors to this my last will and testament, mad this 17th day of December, 1794.

Josiah x Gayle, his mark

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:
Peter Williams, Mary Williams, Richard Hampton.
Proved on oath of Mary Williams, Jan. 5, 1795.

The will of Josiah Gayle was recorded in Will Book AA, page 459, in Claremont County, Sumter District, on June 3, 1822. Evidently this occurred when John Thurston asked the court in Sumter District for a division of the estate of Josiah Gayle, on the grounds that the two brothers who were living at home were wasting the property. Among the papers relative to Thurston's petition is a note dated in 1822, which says "There is four children alive, two sons and two daughters; William Birchmore, Jr., Caleb Birchmore, Susannah Birchmore, and Dorcas Thurston."

Note: From the above it appears that Dorothy Gayle, daughter of Josiah, married William Birchmore, and died before 1822, leaving the four children named above; and that her daughter, Dorcas, had married John Thurston.

Josiah Gayle's daughter, Ann Berwick, must have died in the early 1840's. According to the terms of Josiah's will, the Negro girl Lydia, and her issue, had to be sold and the proceeds of the sale distributed to the heirs of Josiah. There is a file of papers in the office of the Ordinary of Sumter Co., S. C., which deal with this sale and distribution. Following are some notes from the papers in this file:

There is a sheet of paper in the file which apparently names the heirs of Josiah at the time of Ann Berwick's death:

1. C. Gayle's family: C. Gayle, John Gayle, ~~xxx~~ Unity Graham, Eliza Peck
2. Caleb Gayle -- Rebecca Gunter
3. Ransom Gayle, -- Miles Gayle
4. Dorothy Birchmore, W. Birchmore, Thos. Birchmore, Caleb Birchmore
5. Elizabeth Ramsey, James Ramsey, John Ramsey, Willis Ramsey, Mary McCaelly (?), Elizabeth Gale, and Matthew Ramsey.
6. Ambrose Gayle and children, John and Sarah.

There is the receipt of Miles Gayle for $549, his share of the estate of Ann Berwick, to which he is entitled through his father, ~~Mxx~~ Ransom Gayle.

There is mention of W. R. Gayle, one of the heirs of Christopher Gayle, Sr.

There is a letter from C. D. Gayle, dated Friendship, Sumter District, 1844.

There is WileyGunter's receipt, dated 1843, for part of the estate of Josiah Gayle and Ann Berwick, coming to him in right of kinship of his wife, Rebecca.

There is reference to a power of attorney given by Adam and Eliza Peck of Lumpkin Co., Ga., or Dalton, Ga., to Christopher D. Gayle, to receive their share of the estate of Ann Berwick and Josiah Gayle. Also a note from Adam, dated 1846, in which he says: "Your aunt says that she would like very much that you would come and see her."

There is a letter from John Gale, dated Carlile's Mills, Jones Co., Miss., August 2, 1847, in which John Gale states that he had recently visited Miles Gayle, and heard of his receiving $549 from the estate of Ann Berwick, and he (John) is writing to ask for his share. He states that he, John, is the only living heir of Ambrose Gayle, that his only sister, Sarah, married a Mr. Brunson, and that they were living with him (John) at his plantation, Canesavannah, in Sumter District, when she died, and that she left no living children.

There is the receipt of C. D. Gayle, as follows: March 13, 1845. Received of W. Lewis, ordinary of Sumter District, and administrator of Josiah Gayle, deceased, $74.20, being part of the shares of Josiah M. Felder and wife, John Gayle, Richard Gayle, ~~Jxx~~ J. C. Graham, and my own, of that part of the estate of said deceased willed to Ann Berwick during her life."

On the following pages there are some deeds from Sumter District relative to the heirs of Josiah Gayle; also some material from magazines.

Deeds from Sumter District, S. C.

From Deed Book Aa, page 228: Josiah Gayle of Claremont County, sold land to Huberd Rees in 1787.

Also from Deed Book AA, page not known: William Tynnes (or Thynnes) and Levina Gayle, son and widow ot William Tynnes, sold 100 acres of land in Craven County, St. Marks Parish (now Claremont County); said land descended to them by heirship.

From Deed Book EE: John Gayle bought 100 A. of land known as the Cane Savannah tract, in Sumter District, from John More, in 1819.

From Deed Book FF, page 226: Deed of gift from Elizabeth Ramsey to her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Gayle, dated 1822. Also from Book FF, page 161: John Gale deeded 3 slaves to Matthew Ramsey, in trust for Gale's wife, Elizabeth Ann Gale, they having agreed to live separately. At the death of his wife, the slaves are to go to their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Gale, hereafter to be called "Ann". This deed of trust is dated Feb. 5, 1822, and witnessed by Wiley Gunter.

From Deed Book HH, page 63: "Received 28 Mar. 1831, of A. D. Rhame, $500, for two Negroes, the two being part of a family left me at Monk's Corner by my mother; namely, Rose and her second daughter, Jenny." Signed, John Gale. Witness: E. C. England.

Also from Deed Book HH, page 461: On the 4th of March 1833, the sheriff sold by virtue of a suit of fieri facias, 600 acres of land belonging to John Gale, to Christopher Gale, for $110.

From Book D - 4, page 197, Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston, S. C.: Jan. 12, 1773. Josiah Gayle, Sr., planter, of St. Mark's Parish, S. C., (Craven County), lease and release, to Andrew Rembert Jr., of same place, planter; 70 A., upper part of tract of 300 A., granted Mar. 4, 1760, to John Dargan, in possession of Josiah Gayle at High Hills in Craven Co., bounding on James Rembert, etc. Witnesses: Wm Rees, Benj. Rees, Jas. Rembert.

From Deed Book AA, Sumter Co., S. C., page 165: A deed given by Martin Berwick and Ann Berwick, his wife, dated 1st day of April 1803.

Also from Deed Book AA, page 111: Ann Berwick, for love and affection, to my son, William Gayle, my five Negroes, Jacob and his wife Judy, and their three children, Davy, Tobey, and Susey; also my household and kitchen furniture and all my other property. Dated 14 July 1802.

> Note: Evidently Ann Berwick's son went by the name of Gayle, or she may have been twice married, first to a Gayle.

Papers connected with the settlement of the estate of William Gayle, deceased, are on file in the office of the Ordinary in Sumter Co., S. C., Bundle 41, pagkage 9. On May 4, 1812, Margaret Gayle, the administrator file bond for $2000, with Ann Berwick, Charles Miller, and Frances Spring as her securities.

Following is a copy of the will of Samuel Gale, taken from the Record of Wills at the South Caroliniana Library of the University of South Carolina in Columbia, Vol. 33, Book C, page 1356:

Samuel Gale of the City of Charleston ... born near the Santee River... to my brother, Dr. John Gale of Sumterville in this State, $2000 only. ... To my friends, Mrs. Catherine Weyman, and her son, Joseph Turpin Weyman, and her daughter, Mary R. Weyman, the remainder. Executors, friends, Joseph T. Weyman, and Samuel Maverick; executrix, Catherine Weyman. Dated 20 Jan. 1818. Signed, S. Gale. Witnesses: John Noble, Wm Royall, Jr., and William Hart.
Proved before James D. Mitchell, Esq., 24 Jan. 1818. On Jan. 31st, qualified Catherine and Joseph Turpin Weyman as executrix and executor.

> Note: This Samuel might have been the grandchild, Levina's son, mentioned in Josiah's will. If not, he evidently is related somehow.

Christopher Gayle, son of Josiah, is said to have married Unity Richbourgh and had a daughter, Unity, born about 1770, who married a Graham and died before 1810. This item is taken from page 156 of "The Reverend John Graham of Woodbury, Conn., and his descendants", published in 1942 by The Monastery Press, Chicago. *

In this connection, see the reference to J. C. Graham on page 5 of this typescript.

Rebecca Gale was a daughter of Josiah Cantey, who was born 1708 and died 1773; and granddaughter of William Cantey of Craven County. She is named in the will of Josiah Cantey, which is recorded in Charleston in the Will Book for 1771 - 74, page 492. Other children of Josiah Cantey married into families associated with the Gayles:

Elizabeth who married a Brunson
Martha who married a Richbourgh
Esther who married a Richbourgh.

This information is from The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Vol. ~~IX~~ XI, p. 223.

Following is a list of Gayle estates, taken from the General Index to Estates in Sumter Co., South Carolina:

Gale, William, deceased, 1812,
Margaret Gale, administrator.
Gayle, Ransom, dec'd, 1813, E. M. Hall, adm.
Gayle, Josiah, dec'd, 1822, C. Gayle, Exetr.
Gayle, R. F., dec'd, 1841, J.H.Gayle, adm.
Gayle, Mary, dec'd, 1846, C. D. Gayle, adm.
Gayle, Margaret E., 1859, administered by
Blanding and Solomans.
Gayle, Richard, dec'd, 1878, D. Gayle, exr.
Gayle, Luke, dec'd, 1924, ...

There is something about the estate of Ransom Gayle further on in this account.

Josiah Gayle was living at the High Hills of Santee as early as 1770, as is shown by the following note from a typescript in the South Caroliniana Library of the University of South Carolina in Columbia, entitled "Protestant Episcopal Church, The Holy Cross, Clarendon Parish, Statesburg, Records, 1770 - 1924:"

A petition, dated August 1, 1770, asking the assembly to assist with the building of a chapel of ease at the High Hills of Santee, in the parish of St. Mark's, and stating that the inhabitants of the parish had already subscribed 500 pounds sterline toward the building. This petition is signed by the churchwardens, with the amount subscribed by each opposite his signature. Among the signers:

Josiah Gayle	20 pounds
Caleb Gayle	10 pounds
Christopher Gayle	10 pounds

Josiah Gayle, Josiah Jr., Christopher, Caleb, and Ransom Gayle all served in the Revolution. Documentary proof of this follows:

From The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, volume 1, page 185:

Caleb and Josiah Gayle Jr. were members of a Committee of ~~Safety~~ Safety organized in St. Mark's Parish on 26 August 1775.

Also from volume 1, page 263 - 4:

Josiah Gayle and Sergeant Caleb Gayle were in a Troup of Light Horse under command of Capt. Matthew Singleton of St. Mark's Parish, on the High Hills of Santee, which was out on the service of South Carolina under command of Col. Richard Richardson.

From "Stub Indents", edited by A. S. Salley:

Book P, page 13, No. 67: Issued Sept. 22, 1784, to Mr. Christopher Gayle, for 51 days military duty.

Book P, page 169, No. 352: Issued April 27, ~~18~~ 1785, to Mr. Josiah Gayle, for sundries furnished for Continental use in 1781 and 1782....

Book W, page 242, No. 329: Issued 16 August 1785, to Mr. Ransom Gayle, for 200 pounds of beef in 1781, and 33 days pay as sergeant in 1781....

This typescript is particularly concerned with Ransom Gayle, and with the descendants of his son, Miles Gayle, of Perry County, Alabama. Further information about Ransom Gayle will be found on the following pages.

Census Data

1790: Josiah Gayle was living in Camden District, Claremont County, his family consisting of 1 male over 16 years of age; 3 males under 16; 2 females; and 14 slaves.

Caleb Gayle, also living in Camden District, Claremon County, with a family of 1 male over 16, 3 males under 16, 4 females, and six slaves.

Samuel Gale, living in Georgetown District, Prince George's Parish, with a family of 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16, 2 females, no slaves.

John Gale, living in Charleston District, St. Andrew's Parish, with a family of one male over 16, 1 male under 16, 1 female, and no slaves.

Note: These are all the Gayles (Gales) listed in the 1790 Census of S. C.

1800: These Gales in Sumter District:

p. 585: Ransom Gale. 1 male and 3 females under 10; 1 female 10 - 16; 1 male 16 - 26; 3 slaves.
p. 587. William Gales. 1 female 10 - 16; and 1 male 16 - 26.
p. 601. Christopher Gayle Jr. 2 males under 10; 1 male and 1 female age 16 - 26; 22 slaves.
p. 601. Christopher Gayle Sr. 1 male and 1 female 10 - 16; 1 male 16 - 26; 1 male and 1 female over 45; and 19 slaves.
p. 549. Frances Gale. 2 females under 10; 1 male 10 - 16; 1 male and one female 16 - 26; 3 slaves.
p. 585. Levina Gale. 1 male under 10; 1 male 10 - 16; 1 male and 1 female 16 - 26; 1 female 26 - 45; 19 slaes.

1810. These Gayles in Sumter District:

p. 221. Tabt. L. Gayle. 1 male and 1 female under 10; 1 female age 10 - 16; 1 male 16 - 26; xxxx 1 male and 1 female 26 - 45; 1 female over 45; 7 slaves.

p. 221. William Gail. 2 females under 10; 1 female 16 - 26; 1 male 26 - 45; 1 female 45 and up. 13 slaves.

p. 217. John Gail. 2 males under 10; 1 female 16 - 26; 1 male 26 - 45.

1820. A searcher in Washington failed to find any Gayles or Gales living in Sumter District in 1820; but there is other evidence which tends to show that Christopher, at least, was still there.

Note: This compiler does not have the census data for 1830 and later years.

The "Tabt. L. Gayle" listed above might have been Tabitha Moore, the wife of Ransom Gayle (or his widow, as it is known that he died prior to 1813.)

Ransom Gayle

This typescript is particularly concerned with Ransom Gayle, one of the son of Josiah Gayle of Claremont County in South Carolina, and with the descendants of his son, Miles Gayle, who still live in Perry County, Alabama.

The facts now at hand about him are few:

Ransom Gayle is named as one of the sons of Josiah in the will recorded on pages 2 and 3 of this typescript.

Ransom Gayle is listed in the 1800 Census of Sumter District, S. C., given on page 11 of this typescript.

Proof of his Revolutionary service is given on page 10 of this typescript.

From the Gayle Family Bible: Ransom Gayle married Tabitha More, and one of their sons was named Miles Gayle. Further data from this Bible will be found on a later page.

Ransom Gayle evidently died in 1813 or earlier, and left an estate in Sumter District, S. C., of which Ezekial M. Hall was administrator. The file of papers connected with this estate and on record in Sumter is incomplete. The administrator's bond, dated 8 March 1813, names Ezekial M. Hall as the administrator, with Olim (or Elim) Hays and Richard Moore as his securities. The inventory of his estate, dated 11 May 1813, is signed by M. Ward, Elim Hays, and Matt'w Moore.

Further data about Ransom Gayle and his heirs might be found by tracing the family of his wife, Tabitha Moore Gayle. The Ezekial M. Hall who settled his estate might have been a relative. In this connection, I note that Ezekial M. Hall left a will in Edgefield District, S. C., between 1785 and 1818; also that a Tabitha Hall left an estate there between 1836 and 1853. No doubt there are also some Moore estates in one of these counties which would contain additional data on the wife, and children of Ransom Gayle.

Miles Gayle

Proof that Miles Gayle of Perry County, Alabama, was the son of Ransom Gayle of Sumter District, S. C., lies in the estate papers of Josiah Gayle (see page 4) and in the Family Bible of the Perry County Gayles, complete copy of which is given further on in this typescript.

In formation about Miles Gayle given here comes from several sources:

U. S. Census of Perry Co., Ala.
Court Records of Perry Co., Ala.
Cemetery Inscriptions from Mt. Zion.
Data from Gayle Family Bible.

The name of Miles Gayle is not in the 1830 Census of Perry Co., Ala., but it is in the 1840 Census. This indicates that he must have come here sometime during the 1830's.

The 1840 Census gives the following data about Miles Gayle's family: 1 male and 1 female under 5; 1 male and 1 female 5 - 10; 1 male and 1 female age 10 - 15; 2 males between 15 and 20; 1 male between 20 and 30; 1 male between 30 and 40; 2 males and 1 female between 40 and 50; 11 slaves; total, 26.

From the 1850 Census, Old Town Beat, Perry Co., Alabama:

Gayle,	Miles,	age 57,	b. in S. C., farmer
"	Joicy D.,	age 59,	born in S. C.
"	John R.,	age 25,	"
"	Mary T.	age 23,	"
"	Leonard M.,	age 21,	"
"	Lucretia A.,	age 19,	"
"	Billups D.,	age 17,	?
"	Frances A.,	age 14,	born in Ala.
"	Matthew J.,	age 12,	"

Court and Cemetery Records show that Miles and Joicy D. Gayle both died during the 1850's, so no further Census data about them is to be had.

Will of Miles Gayle

From Will Book A, Perry Co., Ala., page 286:

I, Miles Gayle, of the County of Perry, State of Alabama, considering the mutability of things, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made at any time heretofore.

I hereby constitute and appoint mywife, Joyce Gayle, and my two sons, John R. and Leonard M. Gayle, to be my executrix and executors of this my last will and testament, and direct my said executrix and executors to pay all my just debts and keep all my estate together until January, 1856. If the debts of my estate be not then paid, I wish a sale made to settle what it may be in arrears. After this, I wish $4200 to be equally divided among my sons, J. R. Gayle, Leonard M. Gayle, Billups D. Gayle, and Mattison J. Gayle*, my daughter Lucretia A. Gayle, and my granddaughter, Joyce M. W. Wells, making $700 to each heir, to be in property valued by disinterested commissioners.

I wish at the same time $1000 worth of property valued in the same way set apart for my wife, Joyce Gayle, to hold and dispose of at her own will and discretion. The remaining portion of my estate I wish to remain in the hands of my wife, Joyce Gayle, consisting of land, stock, Negroes, and household furniture, during her natural life, then to be equally divided among the heirs before named, or as many of them as may be survivors of my wife, Joyce Gayle.

Signed, sealed and delivered the 17th of July 1852.

Miles Gayle

Attest: Sid W. Blackburn
J. S. Blackburn
Calvin T. Crews

Recorded August 7, 1852.

* Error is in the copy at the courthouse.

The final settlement of the estate of Miles Gayle took place on June 21, 1854. The Distributees named were: Mrs. Joyce Gayle, John R. Gayle, Leonard M. Gayle, Billups Gayle, John Mason and his wife, Lucretia, Mary W. Wells (by her guardian), and James M. Gayle. See Minutes of the Probate Court of Perry County, Alabama, Book H, page 289.

Calvin Crews was administrator of the estate of Joyce D. Gayle. An appraisal of her effects was made 22 ~~June~~ Sept., 1855.

Note: The youngest child of Miles and Joyce Gayle is referred to by the name of Matthew James as well as James Matthew. The copy of Miles Gayle's will at the courthouse here refers to him as "Mattison J." It seems clear from the cemetery and Bible records that it is all the same person.

The Gayle Family Bible is now in possession of Mr. Cecil M. Gayle, Marion, Ala. It ~~xxxx~~ lacks a copyright date, but on the fly-leaf are written these words:

"Miles and Joicy Gayle's Book, presented by their son-in-law, Rev. J. N. Wells, Feb. 3, 1852."

The following entires are taken from this Bible:

Miles and Joicy Dozier Gayle were married in Edgefield District, S. C., Sept. 14, 1820.

Rev. James Monroe Wells and Mary Tabitha Gayle were married in Perry Co., Ala., on July 30, 1850.

John R. Gayle and Louisa McTyer were married in Bibb County, June 3, 1853.

John E. Mason and Lucretia Gayle were married in Perry County, Alabama, August 5, 1852.

Billups D. Gayle and Josephine C. McMath were married in Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama, May 6, 1856.

James M. Gayle and Antoinette McMath were married in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, January 18, 1860.

Billups D. Gayle and Irene J. Gibson were married in Greensboro, Ala., July 3, 1866.

Miles Gayle, son of Ranson and Tabitha (More) Gayle, was born in Sumter District, S. C., November 11, 1792.

Joicy Dozier Gayle, daughter of Richard and Mary Dozier, was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina .....

Ransom Richard Gayle, son of Miles and Joicy D. Gayle, was born 16 Feb., 1822.

John Ramsey Gayle was born 6 Feb. 1824.

Mary Tabitha Gayle was born in Edgefield District, 14 Jan. 1826.

Leonard Marks Gayle born Sept. 28, 1828.

Lucretia Amelia Gayle born 17 Nov. 1830.

Billups Dozier Gayle born March 4, 1833.

Francis Ann Gayle born 6 July 1835

Matthew James Gayle born February 6, 1838.

Mary Joyse Wells born 19 June 1851.

Frances Elizabeth Mason born Apr. 12, 1853.
James Miles Mason born July 28, 1858.
John Leonard Mason born April 3, 1862.

(Born in Perry Co.:)

Willie Miles Gayle	April 5, 1861
Walter Gayle	May 3, 1862
Edwin Olin Gayle	June 1, 1866
Ernest Leonard Gayle	March 17, 1871
Leila Ada Gayle	October 12, 1872
Mary Dozier Gayle	Aug. 1, 1875
Waverly Rivers Gayle	Sept. 9 (7), 1877.

"Children of B. D. and Josephine Gayle":

Anna Alabama Gayle born 14 March 1857
Viola D. Gayle born 1 December 1859
Edwin Rivers Gayle born 17 April 1862
(All three born in Perry County)

Children of B. D. and Irene J. Gayle:

Jessie M. Gayle, born April 6, 1867, and baptized Aug. 13, by Rev. J. C. Wills, at New Providence Church.

Eva C. Gayle, born March 3, 1869, and baptized Oct. ___, by Rev. Jas. L. Cotton at Perryville, Alabama.

Dewitt Lloyd Gayle, son of James and Antoinette Gayle, born Sept. 25, 1879
Eva and Clyde Gayle born June 25, 1883
Lunett Gayle born Sept. ~~XXX~~, 1885.

Ransom R. Gayle died June 16, 1840.

Frances A. Gayle died Oct. 2, 1851.

Mary T. Wells died in the triumphs of grace, requesting her husband to meet her in Heaven, on 2 June, 1852, at five o'cl. A. M.

Miles Gayle died July 18, 1852. He died in the full assurance of eternal rest.

Walter Gayle died April 17, 1864.
Josephine Gayle died Oct. 12, 1864.
Oscar Olin Gayle born Oct. 1, died Oct. 10, 1864.
Edwin Rivers Gayle died April 11, 1864.
William Miles Gayle died Jan. 23, 1876.

Nettie McMath, wife of J. M. Gayle, died August 21, 1900.

(Compiler's note: This copy of entries in the Gayle Bible was made by me during the lifetime of Mrs. W. M. Wallace, with her gracious permission; and is used by me here with the permission of Mr. James H. Gayle, Marion, Alabama.)

Inscriptions from Mt. Zion Cemetery

Joicie D. Gayle, born in Edgefield District, S. C., died in Perry Co., Ala., August 5, 1855, aged about 55 years.

Miles Gayle, born in Sumter District, S. C., November 11, 1792, died July 18, 1852.

Ransom R. Gayle, born February 16, 1822, died June 16, 1840
Frances A. Gayle, born July 6, 1835 died October 2, 1851
Mary T. Wells, wife of J. M. Wells of the Alabama Conference, born January 14, ~~1826~~ 1826, died June 1, 1852.

James M. Gayle, born February 6, 1838 died March 27, 1890.
Nettie McMath, wife of James M. Gayle, born January 27, 1842 died August 21, 1900.

Rev. Billups Dozier Gayle
March 4, 1833 Oct. 21, 1911
Josephine C., wife of B. D. Gayle,
May 21, 1838 October 24, 1864
Irene B. Gayle Jan. 1, 1847 March 21, 1921.

Irene Grace Gayle, June 17, 1877, Aug. 5, 1900
Mary Jessie Gayle, Apr. 6, 1867, Nov. 6, 1911

Leonard W. Gayle, Nov. 30, 1871, Dec. ___, 1905.

James Miles Mason 1858 - 1912
Lucretia Gayle Mason (no dates)

Ann Ramsey died April 4, 1850, aged 62 years.

(Mt. Zion Cemetery, near the church of that name, on the Old Tuscaloosa Road about 10 miles northwest of Marion.)

Inscriptions from Marion Cemetery

Ernest Leonard Gayle, born March 17, 1871
died October 19, 1944
Oda Lee Hall, wife of Ernest Leonard Gayle,
June 25, 1872 April 29, 1946
Infant Gayle, no dates
Ernest Franklin Gayle, born March 15, 1904
died November 27, 1947

Dewitt L. Gayle, born September 25, 1879
died May 12, 1910
Clyde W. Gayle, born June 25, 1883
died August 4, 1917

Leroy Pierce Donovan 1872 - 1936
Ada Gayle Donovan 1872 - 1950

W. H. Wallace April 4, 1862 - April 14, 1933
Mary Dozier Gayle Wallace died 1955

Joicy Dozier Gayle

The Gayle Family Bible states that Joicy Dozier who married Miles Gayle was a daughter of Richard and Mary Dozier, and that she was born in Edgefield District, S. C., about the year 1800.

Richard M. Dozier left a will in Greenville District, S. C., dated 1829, in which he mentions his daughter, Joicie Gayle. He owned land in Edgefield as well as Greenville District.

Richard M. Dozier was married to Mary Gayle in Virginia in 1787.

Mary Gayle, wife of Richard M. Gayle, was apparently the daughter of Lucretia Gayle, who died in Edgefield District, S. C., about 1808, leaving a will in which she mentions her daughter, Polly Dozier, and a granddaughter, Lukey Dozier. ("Polly" is a nickname for Mary.)

Possibly this Lucretia Gayle (died 1808) was a daughter of John Billups of Kingston Parish in Gloucester Co., Virginia, who left a will there dated 1785, in which he mentions a daughter, Lucretia.

The records which follow prove this account of the ancestry of Joicy Dozier Gayle.

Note: To date, I have not been able to determine the given name of Lucretia Gayle's husband.

Will of Lucretia Gayle

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Lukey Gayle, of Edgefield District and State of South Carolina, being weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and constitite and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

Item: My will and desire is that my son, Matthew Gayle, shall have four of my Negroes, Big Jim, Bob, Nut, and Little Fill, which Negroes, as I do not wish them to go out of the family, my desire is that my son Matthew's children, Billups Gayle, Matthew Gayle, John Gayle, and Leaven Gayle, when of age, shall have them; Billups to have Jim, MHtthew to have Bob, John to have Nut, and Leaven to have Fill, to them and their heirs forever.

Also to my son Matthew, a feather bed and bed clothes.

Item: My will and desire is that my son, John Gayle, shall have three of my Negroes, to wit, Little Jim, Little Simon, and Jinney. It is my wish and desire that my son, John Gayle's children, Matthew Gayle, John Gayle, and Billups Gayle, shall have them, viz., Little Simon to Matthew, Little Jim to John, and Jinney to Billups, to them and their heirs forever.

Also to my son, John Gayle, a feather bed and bed clothes.

My will and desire is that my daughter, Polly Dozier, shall have one of my Negroes, to wit, Pat. My desire is that her daughter, Lukey Dozier, shall have said Negro girl, Pat, whenever she marries or comes of age, to her and her heirs forever.

Also to my daughter, Polly Dozier, a feather bed and furniture.

Item: My will and desire is that my son, Christopher Gayle, should have the land whereon I now live, and three Negroes, to wit, Jack, Fill, and Molley, two feather beds and furniture, the stock of horses and hogs, with four cows and calves and three choice young cattle, the wagon and gears,

plow and plantation tools of every kind, household and kitchen furniture, fowls and so forth, during his natural life. In the event of his having a lawful heir or heirs of his body, to them and their heirs forever, and after his death without lawful heirs of his body, the whole to be equally divided between my two sons, Matthew Gayle and John Gayle, to them and their heirs forever.

Item: My desire is that the remaining part of cattle not otherwise bequeathed should be equally divided between my two sons, Matthew Gayle and John Gayle and my daughter, Polly Dozier.

Item: My desire is that none of the young Negroes as given above should be taken from their Mothers or my son, Christopher Gayle, until they arrive to the age of fourteen years, and it is particularly my desire that Little Fill shall remain with my son, Christopher Gayle, so long as he lives, and after his decease, as bequeathed above.

Lastly, I appoint my two sons, Matthew Gayle and John Gayle executors to this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and dated this 15th day of December 1808.

Lucretia x Gayle
her mark

Witnesses: William Whitehead
James Harvin
Elizabeth Whitehead

Recorded in Will Book A, page 271, Edgefield Co., S. C., September 4, 1809.

From Polly C. Mason's "Records of Gloucester Co., Virginia", vol. II, page 67:

The will of John Billups of Kingston Parish in Gloucester Co. Va., dated 1785, mentions a daughter, Lucretia.

Will of Richard M. Dozier

This is a brief abstract of the will of Richard M. Dozier, recorded in Will Book B, pages 127 - 8, in Greenville District, S. C.:

Mentions four daughters: Lukey and Mary Dozier, Joicie Gayle, and Ann Ramsey.

Mentions four sons: Leonard, Richard, Billups, and John.

Four tracts of land in Edgefield District to be sold and the money divided between my four sons.

Tract of land in Greenville District, which I bought of William Wickliffe, to my two daughters, Lukey and Mary, to be held in common whilst they remain unmarried...

Executors, sons Leonard and Richard.
Executrix, Lukey Dozier.

Signed ____ day of ____, 1829.

Witnesses, Henrietta Johnson, Theodoro Fourdin, and William B. Johnson.

Probated Nov. 26, 1832.

Evidently several members of this Dozier family moved to Perry County.

Billups G. Dozier was married to Mary Ann Maddison in Perry Co., Jan. 18, 1844.

The 1850 Census of Perry Co., Old Town Beat: Billups G. Dozier, age 43, born in S. C.; his wife, Mary A., age 25, b. in Ala.,; and living with them, Lucretia Dozier, age 57, born in S. C.

I infer that this Billups and Lucretia were son and daughter of Richard M. Dozier, his will above.

The will of another Richard M. Dozier is in Will Book A, Perry Co., p. 156; dated 1843, mention s a bro., Billups G. Dozier, Miles Gayle, administrator.

James Matthew and Antoinette M. Gayle

From the 1870 Census of Perry Co, Ala., House No. 50, Township 19, Range 7:

Gales, James, age 28, born in Alabama
Nettie, age 29, b. in Ala. /sic/
William, age 9, "
Edwin, age 4, "

From the ~~1812~~ 1880 Census of Perry Co, Ala., Old Town Beat, House No. 102:

Gayle, James, age 41, b. Ala.
both parents born in S. C.
Antonnette, age 38, his wife, b. Texas
Edwin, age 14, son, b. Ala.
Earnest, age 9, son, "
Ada, age 8, daughter, "
Dozier, age 5, daughter, b. Ala.
Dewitt, age 9/12, b. Sept. , in Ala.

From the 1850 Census of ~~Perr~~ Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama, post office, McMath:

McMath, Wm F., age 35, physician, b. in Ga.
Amanda L., age 33, born in Ga.
Josephine, age 12, born in Mass.
Augustus, age 10, b. in Ala.
Antoinette, age 8, b. in Texas
Amanda W., age 7, born in Texas
John, age 5, born in Ala.

Also in the 1850 Census of Tuscaloosa Co., Malcijah McMath, age 60, born in Ga; Elisha McMath, age 62, born in Ga.; and other McMaths.

James Matthew Gayle was born Feb. 6, 1838, and died March 27, 1890. Nettie McMath Gayle was born January 27, 1842, and died August 21, 1900. Both are buried in ~~Mount~~ Mount Zion Cemetery, Perry Co.

They were married in Tuscaloosa Co., on January 18, 1860.

Connections

It appears that there was a connection between the family of Joicy Dozier Gayle and that of the John Gayle who was governor of Alabama in the early 1830's.

In a person letter, Mrs. Anna Gayle Fry of Cahaba, Alabama, who was related to Governor Gayle, says that members of her family acknowledged the relationship of the Dozier family of Perry Co.

Mrs. Fry's grandfather was Billups Gayle, a brother of John Gayle the governor of Alabama.

The father of this Billups and John Gayle was Matthew Gayle, who lived in the High Hills of Santee, S. C., served in Marion's Brigade in the Revolution, married Mary Rees, and removed to Alabama River about 1810, where he died about 1820.

The sons of this Matthew Gayle and Mary Rees, his wife, were:

Billups Gayle
John Gayle,
Levin Gayle

The daughters were:

Lucinda
Maria
Matilda

It is possible that the Matthew Gayle who was the father of these children is the same as the Matthew Gayle mentioned in the will of Lucretia Gayle of Edgefield District, S. C., which is quoted in full on pages 23 - 24 of this typescript.

In this will, Lucretia names her son, Matthew, and his four sons, Billups, Matthew, John and Leaven. These names correspond to the names of the ~~Matthew~~ sons of Matthew and Mary Rees Gayle, with the exception of Matthew. Possibly the son named Matthew died young.

The following item is from the South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine, volume 35, page 29:

"Died on the 18th /April, 1810/, Matthew Gayle, Jun., in the 23rd year of his age, a native of S. C., residing in the vicinity of Cambridge, S. C. Died at Freeman's Ferry on the Oakmulgee River, state of Georgia, on his way to the Mississippi Territory".

Note: Alabama was then part of Mississippi Territory.

On January 1, 1805, Matthew Gayle sold land in Edgefield County, S. C.. His signature was witnessed by Matilda Gayle and Billups Gayle. On 13 Sept. 1811, Mary Gayle did sign her right of dower to same pice of property.

Mrs Fry also stated that there was a tradition in her family that the father of Matthew Gayle (the one who married Mary Rees and was father of Governor Gayle) was a John Gayle of Virginia, who was twice married, both times to a Billups.

We have suggested on page 22 of this typescript that perhaps Lucretia Gayle (d. 1809) was the daughter of John Billups of Virginia.

On the following pages we have given our sources and reference which verify the statements made on this and the preceding page.

Deed of conveyance from Deed Book 30, page 439, Edgefield District, S. C.:

Know all men by these presents that I, Matthew Gayle of Edgefield District, State aforesaid, in consideration of the sum of $2000 paid by William Lee of Edgefield Dist., late of Sumter Dist., have sold and conveyed to William Lee all that tract of land situate in Edgefield Dist., in state aforesaid on Horse Pen Creek waters of Little Saluda R., containing 500 A. Witness my hand this January 1, 1805. Matthew Gayle. Witnesses, Matilda Gayle, Billups Gayle. On the 13th of Sept., 1811, Mary Gayle did sign her right of dower to abovementioned property. Mary Gayle, seal.

Excerpts from letters from Mrs. Anna Gayle Fry:

Orrville, Ala.,
Route 2, Box 65a
April 13, 1922

....The Billups Gayle referred to in my "Memories of Old Cahaba" was a brother of my father, Col. Rees D. Gayle of Cahaba, and a son of Col. Billups Gayle of South Carolina, who came to Alabama and settled in Clarke Co. i 1814. My Grandfather, Billups Gayle, was a son of Col. Matthew Gayle who lived in the High Hills of Santee, as his Revolutionary record states, and which I think was near Sumpter. Matthew Gayle married Miss Mary Rees, daughter of David Rees, who lived in or near Sumpter. They had quite a large family, and came to this state and settled first in Monroe Co., and from there moved to Barlow's Bend in Clarke Co., where Matthew Gayle and his wife Mary are buried on their old plantation. Their childrens names as well as I can recall them were: Billups Gayle, my grandfather, Leven Gayle, and John Gayle, governor of Alabama. There was said to have been 9 or 10 children, but the family records were all lost and the above mentioned sons are the only ones we know of. The daughters that we know of were: Mrs. Lucinda Gayle Eastin, Mrs. Maria Gayle James, Mrs. Matilda Gayle Ware, Mrs. Mary Gayle Burt, and Mrs. ___?__ Gayle Rembert. (I don't know her given name.) I am told there were one or two other children, but I don't know their names. It seems there was some dissatisfaction at my great-grandfather's will, and some members of his family moved away and were lost sight of.

I am a descendant of Billups Gayle, the oldest son, and the late Gen. Wm C. Gorgas was a descendand of the youngest son of Col. Matthew Gayle, Gov. John Gayle. A daughter of the third son, Col. Leven Gayle married F. B. Owen of Mobile and her descendants were still there when last I heard of them. Mrs. Lucinda Gayle Eastin left quite a number of descendants, among others, the Spotswoods of Mobile. Mrs. Mary Gayle Ware's family is entirely extinct.*

* (I believe it was Matilda who married a Ware.)

Mrs. Maria Gayle James had one granddaughter, Mrs. Dr. Skinner who lives in Selma. The Rembert branch of the family I have never known, and don't know where they lived.

The name of Col. Matthew Gayle's father, I am told, was John Gayle who settled near Jamestown, Va. He married two sisters by the name of Billups, said to have been daughters of Gov. Billups of Virginia, but I cannot find a governor by that name in Va. .....

Are you related to the Mr. Billups Gayle, a Methodist minister, who for some years preached in Clarke Co.? We could never prove the relationship, but we are undoubtedly related, because both the family name and forenames are the same. Jessie Gorgas(a sister of Gen. Wm C. Gorgas of Tuscaloosa) and I have been very anxious to find the lost branches of the Gayle family... My father's mother was Miss Pamela Cunningham of Ninety-six, S. C., and my grandfather, Billups Gayle, lived in that County before his removal to this state.

I am told Col. Matthew Gayle had several brothers who remained in South Carolina. One of his brothers, John Gayle, came with him to this State. His descendants live in Montgomery. I have heard that the names of the brothers were: George, Wm, Ben, and two others whose names I can't recall. I think, however, one was Thomas.....

Orville, September 12, 1922

..... Some years ago, I received a letter from a daughter of Mr. Billups Gayle, the minister, in which she stated that the name of Mr. Gayle's father was Miles Gayle from somewhere in South Carolina. I think she also stated that he was an orphan and knew but little of his father's family... The last time I heard of Mr. Billups Gayle's family, he was living in Greensboro.... I think that Dr. Dozier who many years ago lived in Marion was related to the Gayle family. A cousin of ~~xxxxx~~ my father, Col Geo. W. Gayle of Cahaba claimed the relationship, and through him I knew of it.

..... Miss Harriet Talbot, a first cousin of mine, has compiled and published, I think, a biography of the Gayle family, but Jessie Gorgas writes me she traces back to the English ancestors direct.....

Ann M. G. Fry.

What Mrs. Fry says is verified in part by the following from Stewart's Reports, volume 1:

Notes from a digest of the case of Gayle vs. Singleton, in July term of Ala. Supreme Court, in 1828. The suit was originally file against Matthew Gayle in Monroe County in 1811. Singleton and Gayle were both living in S. C. on 25 June 1811, when Gayle mortgaged 15 slaves to Singleton for $1100. Gayle then removed to the Alabama River, which was then in Mississippi Territory. Matthew Gayle died in 1820, and left the following heirs:

Mary Gayle, his widow,
and five children:
Billups Gayle
John Gayle Jr.
Levin Gayle
LucindaGayle, wife of Thos. Eastin
Maria Gayle Woodson, a widow
Matilda Gayle, wife of Wm F. Ware.

Matilda died, leaving one child, Edward Ware.

In Oct., 1823, Billups Gayle died, leaving five children: Eliza, Scarboro, Billups, Jane (since dead) and Rees Gayle.

Mary and John Gayle were the administrators of Matthew Gayle.

Harriett Gayle whose name is not in the list above is one of the defendants but it no where appears who Harriett Gayle is or how she came to be a defendant.

Edgar R. James married Maria Woodson.

Mary Gayle is now also deceased.

John Gayle, Governor of Alabama

From "Biographical Annals of the Civil Government of the United States," by Charles Lanman:

John Gayle, born in Sumpter District, S. C., Sept. 11, 1792; educated S. C. ~~Xxxxxx~~ College; emigrated to Ala., 1813; in 1817, appointed member of Territorial Legislature; was Solicitor of the First Judicial Circuit on the organization of the State government; in 1823, was elected Judge of the Supreme Court of the State; in 1829, was elected to the State Legislature and became Speaker of the House; in 1831 was elected Governor, and was re-elected in 1833; was presidential elector in 1836 and in 1840; in 1847 was elected Representative in Congress from Mobile Co.; in 1849 was appointed Judge of the United States District Court of Alabama. Died near Mobile, July 21, 1859.

From D. A. R. Lineage Books: Vol 28, p. 47, and Vol. 144, page 16.

Matthew Gayle (1754 - 1820) served as a cavalry man under Gen. Francis Marion in S. C. He was born in Gloucester (or Accomac) County, Va., moved to the High Hills of Santee, 1774, and to Ala. in 1 1810, where he died in Clark County.

His wife was Mary Rees (died 1823).

Their son, John Gayle (1792 - 1859) married in 1819, ~~Xxxxxxxxxxx~~ Sarah Ann Haynesworth (1804-35). Among their children were:

Maria (1835 -79) married in 1853 to Thos. Livingston Bayne. A daughter, Edith Bayne, married _____ Denegre.
Mary, who married Col. Hugh Kerr Aiken. A daughter, Carrie, married _____ Robertson.

The will of Huberd Rees, dated 1802, in Sumter, S. C., mentions a sister, Mary Gayle.
The will of Sarah Haynsworth, Sumter, S. C., dated 1829, menions granddaughter, Sarah Ann Gale.

North Carolina Gales

There was a family of Gales in Edenton in North Carolina between 1701 and 1741, among them a Christopher and a Miles. The occurrence of these given names among the children of Josiah Gayle of Sumter District, S. C., and in other Gayle families, suggeststhat there may be some connection between the two families. For this reason we include here a few notes on this North Carolina family.

Christopher Gale was "Her Majesty's attorney-general in North Carolina". Hed died in 1734. Following is a summary of his will, taken from the copy given in the North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 1, page 45:

The will of Christopher Gale, dated Feb. 17, 1734, and probated March 12, 1734: Born at York, Great Britain, 54 years old. The will names his wife, Sarah Catherine; his brother, Edmund Gale; his son, Miles Gale; a daughter, Penelope Little; Mary, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Clayton; granddaughter, Sarah Clayton; nephew and godson, Edmund Gale; granddaughter, Penelope Little.

From the same, vol. 3, page 220: Christopher Gale was married to Madam Sarah Harvey, widow of Hon. Thos. Harvey, on January 17, 1701.

Also from volume 3, page not recorded: The will of Thomas Harvey, dated 1729, mentions a brother, Miles Gale of Boston, and sisters, Elizabeth Clayton and Penelope Little.

From volume 2, page 447: Miles Gale applied for letters of administration on the estate of his father, Miles Gale, 1747.

From Vol. 1, page 548: The will of Miles Gale, dated Feb. 17, 1761, mentions sons Christopher, John, and Miles.

Note: The 1790 Census of North Carolina shows a Christopher Gale still living in Edenton District.

The Yorkshire Gales

From the "Dictionary of National Biography", Volume VII, page 814:

Gale, Miles (1647-1721), eldest son of John Gale, a descendant of the Gales of Scruton and Masham in Yorkshire. John Gale lived at Farnley Hall, near Leeds, married Joanna, daughter of Miles Dodson of Kirkby Overblow, Yorkshire. Miles Gale was born at Farnley, 19 June 1647, educated at Trinity College, Cambridge; B. A. in 1666, M. A. in 1670. Was rector at Keighley. Married Margaret, daughter of Christopher Stones, D. D., by whom he had four sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Christopher, was attorney-general of North Carolina in 1709, judge of the admiralty of that province in 1712, and chief justice of Providence and the Bahama Islands in 1721. Several of C. Gale's letters are printed in Nichol's Illustrations ~~(VolXXX~~ (Vol. IV, pages 489 - 492). Miles Gale compiles and presented to Thoresby's Museum, Leeds, "Memoirs of the Family of Gale, particularly of the learned Dr. Thomas Gale, Dean of York, and of Christopher Gale, Esq., Her Majesty's Attorney General in North Carolina.

Same Volume, page 818:

Thomas Gale (1635?-1702), dean of York, born in Yorkshire, only surviving child of Christopher Gale of Scruton by his wife Frances Conyers; educated at Westminster School and Trinity College, Cambridge; became reguis professor of Greek at Cambridge; then high master of St. Paul's School; finally dean of York. Married Barbara Pepys and by her had four sons: Roger (d. 1744); Charles, rector of Scruton (d. 1738); Samuel (1682-1754); and Thomas. His manuscript writings and a portrait of him given by his son Roger to Trinity College, Cambridge.

Virginia Gayles

We believe that Josiah Gayle came to South Carolina from Virginia. For that reason we have recorded here such notes as we have now on hand that deal with the Virginia Gayles. We have noted particularly the occurrence of the name Joyce, Christopher, Ransom, and Ambrose among the Gayle families in Virginia.

In Landon C. Bell's "Sunlight on the Southside" there are some lists of tithes taken between the years 1764 and 1763. If we understand correctly, these "tithes" are actually taxpayers. The indented name refers to an adult in the household of the one just above.

p. 236. List of Henry Blagrave taken 10 June 1764:

Gayle, Matthew 7 tithes 312 A.
Richard Griffin overseer

p. 242. List of Thos. Tabb taken 10 June 1764:

Josiah Gayle 5 tithes 240 A.
Matthew " 4 "
Christopher Billups 6 tithes 412 A.
Joseph Owen (and one chair)
Joseph Billops 6 tithes 1100 A.
Wm McConnico

p. 281. Thos. Winn's list, 1769:

Christopher Billups 7 tithes 412 A.
Matthew Gale (list)* 5 tithes 330 A.
Joseph Owen
Joseph Billups 6 tithes 1000 A.

p. 289. List taken by Christopher Billups, 1772:

Matthew Gayle 5 tithes _____
Billups Gayle
Joseph Billups 8 tithes _____
Randall Bush
Christopher Billups 6 tithes _____

p. 325. List taken by Thos. Winn, 1773

Marthow Gayle 9 tithes
Billups Gayle

p. 356. List for 1775.

Matthew Geyle 6 tithes
Billups Gayle
Joseph Billups 7 tithes

p. 375. List taken 1776.

Christopher Billups 11 tithes
Wm Cowan

Joseph Billups 7 tithes
Joseph Ingram 7 tithes

Matthew Gayle 8 tithes
Billups Gayle
Matt. Gayle Jun.

p. 391. List taken by Christopher Billups 1783

Billups, Joseph 8 tithes
Richard Billups
Billups John 3 tithes
Billups, Christopher (record mutilated)
Gayle, Matthew 7 tithes
Christopher Gayle

Note: This Matthew Gayle must surely be the husband of the Lucretia Gayle who left a will in Edgefield District, S.C., about 1809, naming sons, Matthew, John and Christopher.

It is significant that the name of Josiah Gayle disappeared from the lists in 1764-69, while the first record we have of Josiah in South Carolina is 1770.

Josiah Gale witnessed a deed in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, Nov. 16, 1770. See vol. 1, page 276, of Va. Co. Records, by Crozier.

Joice and Matthias Gayle

Following are some notes from the pension application papers of Joice Gayle, a resident of Matthews Co., Va., and widow of Matthias Gayle, a soldier of the Revolution.

The original application is dated 1836, and dates of the other papers run through 1838, when Joice's petition was granted.

Joice Gayle testified that she married Matthias Gayle in 1780; that he died in 1794; that he was in the great battle at Gloucestertown; and that he served under Capt. Robert Gayle.

Richard Hurst and William Diggs testified that Matthias was born in Gloucester Co., Kingston Parish.

Dr. Bartlett Gayle testified that Joice Gayle was his mother, and he had always understood and believed that her oldest child was born in 1782.

Thomas Hall testified that his sister, Joice, married Matthias Gayle in 1779 or 1780.

In Stewart's "Virginia's Navy in the Revolution", there is a sketch of the life of Robert Hall which says that his daughter married Matthew Gayle.

In Crozier's Virginia County Records, Vol. 1, page 33, is recorded the will of a Matthew Gale, of St. George's Parish, dated Jan. 12, 1772, and the executor's bond dated Feb. 15, 1779. The will names his wife, Judith; and son Matthew and his wife, Mary; a son Joseph and his wife, Rachel; a daughter, Sarah Edwards Deatherage; a daughter, Elizabeth Pool; a daughter, Joyce Dudley; and a daughter Judith Barnaby; and John Edwards Gale, son of Joseph.

In the same volume, p. 276, is a deed showing that Matthew Gale bought land in St. George's Parish, May 1, 1733, from Ambrose Grayson.

Thomas Gale

From "Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County, Virginia", vol. II, p. 196 - 7:

Will of Thomas Gale. Names sons, Jethro, and Thomas; daughter Ann, younger daughters, Tabitha and Alice; daughter Elizabeth, if she does not marry Joshua Jenkins; daughter Mary Spencer; friend, John Marshall Jr. Dated Jan. 1, 1760. Probated Feb. 7, 1860.

Following is a summary of facts about Thomas Gayle, Revolutionary soldier, compiled from the D. A. R. Lineage Books, vol. 11, p325; vol. 13, p. 86; and vol. 73, p. 185:

Thomas Gayle served as lieutenant in a company commanded by his brother Robert, and with them were their brothers, Matthew and George. He was at the seige of Yorktown. Born in England in 1750, and died in Charlotte Co., Va., in 1824.

Thomas Gayle married Susannah S_____.
Their son, Rev. Peter Smith Gayle, married
Mary Ann McConnico Pettus
Two of their children were:

1. Ella, married a Haughton, and had a daughter Fannie who married a Young.
2. Sarah Lester.

Because of the occurrence of the name Levin in some Gayle families, we include the following item from The Compendium of American Genealogy, Volume VII, page 853:

George Gayle (Gale) (1670 - 1710), son of John and descendant of James Gale, seated at Thirntoft, Yorkshire, England, came to Somerset, Maryland, in 1690; married about 1700, Mildred (Warner) Washington, grandmother of Gen. George Washington; married second, Elizabeth, daughter of Levin Denwood and granddaughter of Levyne Denwood, early settler on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, also a justice and commissioner of Northampton Co., Va. in 1654.

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